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Applicant: Ian James Day and James Patrick Evans
Serial No. 09 / 936,960
Issued: September 18, 2001
Title: ENCLOSURE FOR HARDWARE
Our File: BAC-116-A

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PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Legal Staff
International Division

Sir:

The above-identified Application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to a Notice of Missing Parts ("Notice"), November 8, 2001 within the time period set therein. The Notice set forth that a properly executed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, and a surcharge for its late filing were required to avoid abandonment.

Applicant did not respond to the Notice because Applicant did not receive the Notice. However, Applicant's Attorney (the undersigned) made efforts to keep track of the status of the Application.

Applicant hereby petitions for revival of this application under 37 CFR 1.137(a) and submits the following items pursuant thereto:

- (1) Petition Fee (\$250.00);
- (2) Response to Notice to Missing Parts (and Declaration Surcharge Fee: \$65.00);
- (3) No Terminal Disclaimer is needed because the Application was filed after

June 8, 1995, and

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(4) the following statements are submitted as providing an adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay, justifying revival of the Application to active status under 37 CFR 1.137(a):

The Application was filed in the United States Patent Office on September 18, 2001.

In the middle of June, 2003, the undersigned called the Patent Office to find out the status of the Application. This fact is confirmed by a handwritten note dated June 27, 2003 the undersigned entered on a Billing Letter for BAC-116-A (Exhibit A). The handwritten note indicates a phone number for and summarizes the understanding of a phone conversation with Mr. Mark Ragland at the Patent Office. Mr. Ragland is with the Office of PCT Legal Administration.

This conversation with Mr. Ragland is further confirmed by my letter (Exhibit B) of June 30, 2003 to the client, wherein I advise the client that I had undertaken an investigation with the Patent Office regarding the status of the matter.

Because the Application was filed without an executed Declaration, in my letter (Exhibit B), I advised the client that a Notice of Missing Parts might issue, which to date I had not received. Further, I advised the client that I thought that an answer from the Patent Office might be forthcoming in July, 2003.

I followed-up on this matter, as evidenced by my handwritten notes on the letter (Exhibit B). These notes summarize the result of a phone call with Mr. Ragland and my understanding that the file had to be retrieved from the Examining corps.

After a few months, Mr. Ragland called to advise that although the Application is shown as being within the Examining corps, the Application could not be presently located. This conversation with Mr. Ragland is confirmed by my letter of April 28, 2004 to the client (Exhibit C).

The Notice of Abandonment was mailed October 20, 2004.

Applicant's Attorney never received the Notice of Missing Parts, mailed November 8, 2001.

At the time of filing this Application in 2001, Applicant's Attorney was located at Plunkett & Cooney in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. A Postcard (Exhibit D) filed along with the Application was returned by the Patent Office to the Bloomfield Hills address and date stamped by the Patent Office "JC 14 Rec'd PCT/PTO 18 SEP 2001".

The Notice of Missing Parts was mailed November 8, 2001, some two months later. This Notice was not received by the undersigned.

Although Applicant's Attorney changed his correspondence address in August 2003 and to his present address in Farmington Hills, Michigan, some three years later, the undersigned did receive the Notice of Abandonment, dated October 20, 2004.

Upon receiving the Notice of Abandonment, the Patent Office was promptly contacted, requesting a copy of the Notice of Missing Parts.

Upon request, Mr. Mark Ragland found and transmitted, by facsimile, a copy of the Notice of Missing Parts.

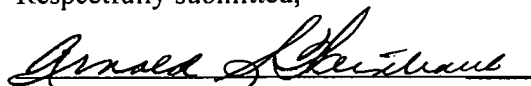
The undersigned did all that was possible to keep track of the Application and respond in a timely fashion to that which was received from the Patent Office. For some inexplicable reason, the undersigned never received the Notice to File Missing Parts sent from the Patent Office in 2001.

Applicant's Attorney submits that under the facts of this case the failure to respond was "unavoidable" within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.137(a).

Applicant hereby petitions for revival of this application under 37 CFR 1.137(a).

Please address correspondence to the address indicated below. A "Change of Correspondence Address Patent" form PTO/SB/123 (09-04) is being filed separately.

Respectfully submitted,


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Attachments: Check for \$315.00: Petition Fee - \$250.00 and Surcharge Fee-\$65.00
Reply to Missing Parts (and Enclosure)
Exhibits A - D



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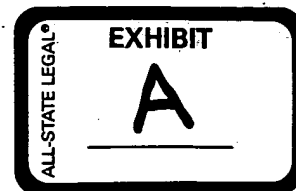
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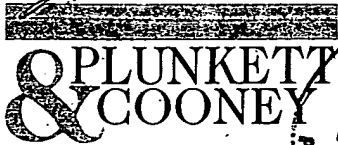
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Re: National Phase Entry of PCT Patent Serial No.: 09/936,960
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Dear Dr. Burrows:

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I thank for your letter of June 24, 2003 and I have undertaken an investigation with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office regarding the status of this matter. As we appreciate, the case was filed one week after September 11, 2001.

I conferred with a gentleman in the PCT Bureau of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office who is going to track down the file, get back to me, and tell me what the status is of this matter. Since we did not file the application with an executed Declaration, I would anticipate that somehow the Patent Office sent out a Notice of Missing Parts which we, of course, never received. If this is the situation then I anticipate that I will have to petition the Patent Office to revive the application based upon the fact that we never received any communications regarding same, including the Notice to File Missing Parts and the formal Filing Receipt.

I should have an answer regarding this matter by no later than July 3, 2003.

Sincerely,

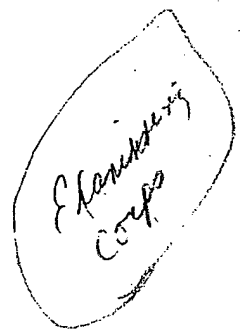
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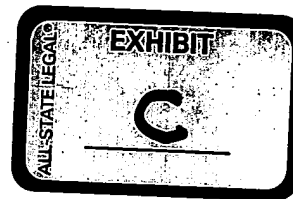


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Re: National Phase Entry of PCT Patent Serial No. 09/936,960
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Dear Dr. Burrows:


This letter is to provide you with a follow-up of the status of the above-identified matter. I have been in contact with the Patent Office to determine what has transpired. Unfortunately, I have been advised that the file is "lost" somewhere within the Patent Office and that different senior patent examiners are pointing fingers at each other. This was relayed to me by Mr. Ragland who is the clerk in charge of the file. All that aside, I have been requested to fax a status inquiry to the Patent Office along with a copy of the application as filed. I have now undertaken this process and I have been advised that I will be receiving an answer rapidly to this inquiry.

I will docket this for a two-month follow-up so that we can assure ourselves of a rapid turnaround.

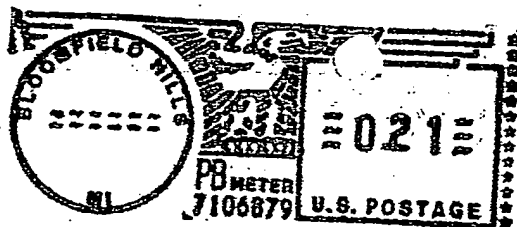
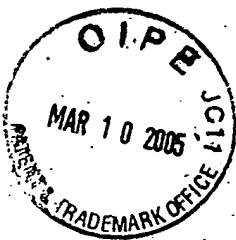
If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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The received stamp of the Patent Office imprinted hereon acknowledges the filing of:

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